

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 7, 13, 17, 29, 34-39, and 42-50 are pending in the current application, with claims 2, 4, 5, 30-33, 40, and 41 being cancelled and claims 43-50 being newly presented for Examination by this Amendment. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 13, 17, and 29-42 currently stand rejected, and claims 1, 6, 7, 13, 17, 19, 34, 35, 38, and 42 are amended. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 6, 7, 13, 17, 29, 34-39, and 42-50 are respectfully requested in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 6, 7, 13, 17, 29, 34-39, and 42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Pat 6,067,400 to Saeki et al. ("Saeki") in view of US Pat Pub 2002/0071351 to Hamada et al. ("Hamada"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons detailed below.

Initially, Applicants note that each independent claim has been amended to recite a "stream file," "clip information file," "playlist file," and "movie object" arranged and interrelating as recited in the independent claims. Saeki and Hamada do not appear to disclose each of these new features or their contents or interrelations as recited, nor has the Examiner considered or applied Saeki or Hamada for disclosing these features. Thus, both Saeki and Hamada lack the files and information therein recited in independent claims 1, 13, 17, 35, and 38.

Because Saeki, alone or in combination with Hamada, fails to teach each and every element of claims 1, 13, 17, 35, and 38, these references cannot anticipate or render obvious claims 1, 13, 17, 35, or 38. Claims 6, 7, 29, 34, 36, 37, and 42-50 are allowable at least for depending from an allowable base claim. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) to claims 1, 6, 7, 13, 17, 29, 34-39, and 42 is respectfully requested.

New Claims 43-50

Consideration and allowance of claims 43-50, newly presented by this Amendment, are respectfully requested. As discussed above, claims 43-50 are allowable at least be virtue of their dependency upon allowable base claims. As such, claims 43-50 are equally allowable over the art of record.

Entry of Amendment Requested

Entry of the above claim amendments following the closing of prosecution in connection with this application is respectfully requested. As discussed above, each of the amendments to the independent claims places the claims in an allowable condition over the art of record. Thus, entry of the above claim amendments is permitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, and the same is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that the claims require yet further search and consideration over the art of record such that they cannot be entered, Applicants respectfully request an advisory action clearly setting out this requirement.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1, 6, 7, 13, 17, 29, 34-39, and 42 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Terry L. Clark at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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